

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2129**

PATENT
5760-20800/VRTS0578

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:	10/825,700	§	Examiner:	Coughlan, Peter D
Filed:	April 16, 2004	§	Group/Art Unit:	2129
Inventor:		§	Atty. Dkt. No:	5760-20800
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Title:	Policy-Based Automation	§		
	Using Multiple Inference	§		
	Techniques	§		
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 23, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 23, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.